

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 137
By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William Townsend
"Townie" Anderson of Maryville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of our friend and former colleague William Townsend "Townie" Anderson, a member of the House of Representatives of the 93rd and 96th-98th Tennessee General Assemblies during 1983-84 and 1989-94, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Townie Anderson was an exemplary and conscientious public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens, especially those of the 20th House District, in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson served with much acumen and great enthusiasm for many years in the banking industry, earning the respect of his peers and clients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; he was director and officer of Tennessee National Bancshares, Inc., Executive Vice President of Blount National Bank, and was associated with the construction materials industry; and

WHEREAS, born February 21, 1934 in Knoxville, Tennessee, the son of the late William C. and Mary Bratton Anderson, Townie attended Maryville College and the Institute for Financial Management at Harvard Graduate School of Business in Cambridge, Massachusetts; his roots were deeply buried in his community, as evidenced by his having been a grandnephew of Colonel W. B. Townsend, for whom the Town of Townsend was named; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson served his nation as a member of the United States Air Force, and on July 13, 1955, he married Carole Jeannie Bowers, the daughter of Charles Joseph and Cecile Koon Bowers of Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Townie Anderson was an active and devout member of the Broadway United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; he was also a member of

New Providence Lodge 128, Free and Accepted Masons; Knoxville Scottish Rite bodies and Knoxville Cyprus Commandery 23; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson devoted his considerable abilities and his time to various civic and charitable organizations, including meritorious service as Director and Treasurer of the Blount County United Way, Director and past President of the Blount County Boys' Club, Director of More Blount Jobs, Inc., Director of the Historical Sam Houston Schoolhouse Association, and Director of YMCA Camp Montvale, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the House of Representatives Townie Anderson served admirably as a member of the Commerce, State and Local Government, and Transportation Committees; he was a sponsor of the "Education Reform Act of 1984", and the prime sponsor of the "Governor's Continued Road Program" in 1989 and the "Governor's Bridge Replacement Program" in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson served as Assistant Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Transportation in 1985-86, helping to implement the \$3.5 billion road program; he also served as Deputy Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Financial Institutions and on the State Parole Board; and

WHEREAS, the 103rd General assembly named a segment of U.S. Highway 321 and State Scenic Route 73 in Blount County the "W. Townsend 'Townie' Anderson Highway" in honor of our esteemed former colleague; and

WHEREAS, Townie Anderson was also deeply devoted to his family, and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Jeanne and was the proud father of Chuck, Joe and his wife Mary Jane, and was the doting grandfather of Joe-Joe Anderson and Reid Walker; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson was a warm and affable man, who related easily to everyone he encountered; his personal warmth, humor, and free spirit were cherished by his colleagues and many friends, and his unmatched record in public service, banking and business stands as a monument to a life well lived; and

WHEREAS, William Townsend Anderson leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of our beloved colleague, Representative William Townsend "Townie" Anderson, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character as a legislator, public servant and human being, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Anderson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.